



UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

AFRICAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND FOOD SUPPLY (SCO)

at Kühne Logistics University (KLU) in cooperation with LEARN Logistics, University of Dar es Salaam, University of Ghana Business School and University of Nairobi

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organizes and officially invites master students to apply to the

SCO Autumn School in Humanitarian Logistics and Sustainability 2026

November 2-6, 2026

KLU HAMBURG, Germany

THEME OF THE SCO AUTUMN SCHOOL: Humanitarian Logistics and Sustainability

Humanitarian organizations operate in highly challenging environments marked by urgent needs, limited resources, multiple stakeholders, uncertainty, and risk. Logistics and supply chain management play a central role in the efficient planning, coordination and the quick, fair, and effective delivery of essential goods and services—such as food, clean water, medical supplies, and shelter—to populations affected by disasters or conflicts (SDG 2: Zero Hunger; SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being; SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation). At the same time, humanitarian action raises important questions of sustainability, including equity, inclusion, dignity, ethics, access, and the long-term well-being and resilience of communities. Beyond immediate relief, humanitarian logistics also contributes to longer-term recovery by helping restore access to basic services, supporting livelihoods, and strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities (SDG 1: No Poverty; SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities).

The SCO Autumn School 2026 explores the intersection of humanitarian logistics and sustainability. It offers participants the opportunity to engage with both conceptual and practical perspectives on how supply chains can reduce suffering, support recovery, and contribute to more just and resilient societies. By understanding both the ethical principles of sustainability and the practical challenges of delivering aid, participants can develop innovative approaches that not only respond to emergencies but also build stronger, fairer societies for the future (SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities; SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals). Through lectures, case studies, interactive exercises, practitioner insights, and applied group work, participants will deepen their understanding of humanitarian operations and the ethical and social dimensions of decision-making in crisis settings.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of the SCO Autumn School is to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of how humanitarian logistics and sustainability intersect, while contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. It aims to develop both critical thinking and practical skills needed to design solutions that improve access to essential services, and ensure effective and ethical responses to crises.



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TOPICS

- Fundamentals of commercial and humanitarian logistics
- Disaster response and earthquake simulation (VR)
- Humanitarian supply chains and coordination
- Environmental sustainability in humanitarian logistics
- Case studies in humanitarian operations
- Groupwork, problem-solving, project development and presentation
- Insights from humanitarian practitioners
- Field visit to [St. Nikolai Memorial](#) (WWII memorial)

VENUE: KLU, Hamburg, Germany

DATES : 2nd to 6th November, 2026

TARGET GROUP

Students who are currently enrolled into a Master of Business Research or Master of Sustainable Management and Operations at UoN.

SELECTION PROCESS

Interested applicants should submit:

1. Letter of interest not more than 600 words indicating their understanding of humanitarian operations and its application to their current studies
2. Copy of academic transcripts
3. Copy of curriculum vitae
4. Letter of recommendation from any of current lecturers

APPLICATION

Interested candidates should submit the complete application and the following documents in one pdf file to sco@uonbi.ac.ke with copies to dept-mgtsci@uonbi.ac.ke and agecon@uonbi.ac.ke

A maximum of 5 students will be short-listed and depending on funding availability between 3 to 5 students will be selected to attend the school.

DEADLINE

The application documents should be submitted by latest June 8th, 2026.

Candidates will be notified about the outcome of their application by 10th June 2026.

Due to the short timeframe between acceptance and travel preparation, including visa appointments, accepted students must already be having a valid passport and be able to provide a copy of it with the application documents. An applicant without a valid passport will not be shortlisted.

FUNDING

The scholarship for the SCO Autumn School in Humanitarian Logistics and Sustainability is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) with funds from the Federal Foreign Office (AA).

The scholarship includes:



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- Travel to and from Hamburg in economy class
- Accommodation for the period of the SCO Autumn School
- Visa-related expenses
- Health Insurance
- Lunch and breaks from Monday to Friday
- An allowance of around 70-100 EUR for the whole period. The final amount may be reduced based on days of travel and grant regulations.
- Please note that there is no registration fee.

Please note that any cancellation costs, and any costs not covered by the scholarship will be the responsibility of the applicants.

CERTIFICATE

A non-grade certificate of the autumn school will be awarded based on class participation. The attendance should be more than 90%.